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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 2623

For: AN IMAGE COMPARISON APPARATUS  
AND METHOD FOR CHECKING AN  
IMAGE OF AN OBJECT AGAINST A  
STORED REGISTRATION IMAGE

Examiner: C. M. Larose

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.